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SPONSORED STUDENTS GRATITUDE REPORT

Dania Tabet, Líbano



I am one of the lucky ones that got the chance to attend the Course. I was particularly impressed with the material presented that was very interesting and the content was extremely informative and useful and I genuinely enjoyed each and every moment of it. Because I am focusing on micro-green and small leafy and stem vegetables I found this course of great interest. Also, I have learned the principles of postharvest physiology and the technology applicable for a wide range of crops. I had new concepts for preservation, packaging, transport, and how the quality of fruit and vegetable products is determined by external, sensory and nutritional properties. The course provided me scientific and technical knowledge on the post-harvest management of the main horticultural crops. I enjoyed specially the last Unit since it give me an idea for a PhD research. Finally, I would like to thank every professor and scientists from different countries and research institutes for their time and everyone who was involved in the preparation and execution of the course, especially to the Sponsor TECNIDEX and to the UPCT.

Adonai Sant Anna, Benin



Fruit and vegetables postharvest sector in Benin is less developed than it could be done though the fact that this domain is one of the main food providers. The course appeared as an opportunity to horn my skills and knowledge as a researcher and as an entrepreneur in agribusiness domain. One of my expectations was to know how transform and preserve fruit and vegetables, but the course is more. From the first unit to the last, I learnt a lot. But from all that what grab my attention was to learn the role of ethylene in maturation and preharvest factors affecting postharvest quality. Those information is important for me and for farmers I am working with. Other practical use I gain from this course is for the agribusiness woman I am since I am CEO of a company that produce dried vegetables. I really appreciate the course, lessons were clear and lecturers were available to answer all of my preoccupations. I thank the University and TECNIDEX for this sponsorship they offered me and incite them to continue on that way and do more.

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Tapsoba Parfait, Burkina Faso



I am currently Quality Assurance and Traceability Manager; responsible for certification at SN Ranch of Koba BF, an agribusiness specializing in harvesting, packaging and export of fresh mango. I am also the administrator of SN Ranch du Koba's RAINFOREST ALLIANCE certified Mangoes group of Producers.

I have benefited from the scholarship on two levels: professionally I was able to acquire technical knowledge that allowed me to optimize the mango cold chain, and also better control pathologies on the supply chain. Academically, due to the diversity and richness of the modules, I have been able to complete my knowledge on the subject. I was also able to access important training materials (videos, documents ...) made by trainers with proven experiences on the subject. I was also able to interact with people of the same profile and it was a place for sharing experience and developing my professional network with other participants.

At the end of this great experience, I sincerely thank the organizers for granting me this scholarship. I also thank the entire management team who spared no effort for the smooth running of this edition. My thanks finally to the sponsors TECNIDEX and DECCO and to all that participated in the success of this edition.

Mulugheta Solomon, Eritrea



The Course was really important for my postdoctoral and research projects as a freelancer and professional on development.

The opportunity of keeping up with the latest advances on postharvest and fresh-cut given by top level of scientist and experts of the world was unique. Besides, I really enjoyed the possibility of watching the course videos at any time on several electronic devices (laptop, mobile phone, etc.). Additionally, it is possible to keep updated by directly asking questions or any concerns to respective professor of each chapter as now we have the information who does what. Finally deeply grateful to the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena and all its staff and to the Sponsor TECNIDEX for offering me the grant to be one of the participants of course which otherwise it would have not been possible.

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Monirul Islam, Bangladesh



To begin with, it was really a great moment as I got selected for the course. I have learnt many more things from the training about postharvest and fresh-cut technologies which I did not learn before. For instance, modeling of postharvest quality, strategies for removing ethylene, strategies to inhibit synthesis of ethylene, non-destructive quality measurement, sensors for postharvest quality assessment. As a matter of fact, I already have taken a research program on the effect of ethylene absorbers during storage and transportation. In future I also can take some other experiments based on my learning and the resources provided in the training. I would be happier if I got more opportunities from the team and the Sponsors Tecnidex and Decco in the next future again. At last but not least, I am really happy to have this opportunity and it really enrich my knowledge. I believe it would be a milestone in developing my career.

Sasireka Rajendran, India



I am grateful to the Postharvest and Refrigeration Group, to the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena in Spain, and of course, to DECCO for the scholarship provided to undergo this International Online Course on Postharvest and Fresh Cut Technologies. It has been helpful in order to make myself multifaceted and to gain a great overview of the international conglomerate. The updated topics covered the key topics in postharvest and helped me to acquire all the skills and boost up my academic career.